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Gen. Smith Opens Freedom Drive

Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, U. S. A. (retired), president of the American Heritage Foundation which sponsors the Crusade for Freedom and Radio Free Europe, said yesterday that every dollar contributed to the Crusade "will hit the Kremlin where it hurts the most." He said the American supported network of Radio Free Europe was "a vital factor in the continuing struggle for world peace and prosperity."

Gen. Smith's statement opened the annual February drive of the Crusade for Freedom which each year seeks contributions to finance Radio Free Europe's broadcast to countries behind the Iron Curtain, including Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

"At a time when America and her allies are moving intensively to build up our forces in Western Europe," Gen. Smith said, "the power of Radio Free Europe is very real. By fostering courage and hope among millions of captive people behind the Iron Curtain, Radio Free Europe is helping to keep the Soviet occupation forces off balance." Gen. Smith is a former Under Secretary of State and former American Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

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